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Hi, everyone! This two phrases confuse me a lot, please help me. Many thanks! 1. I am responsible for the business related to International Trade. 2. I am responsible for the business relevant to International Trade. In this case, which phrase do we use, related to or relevant to? Which expression is correct or both of them are correct? And what's the difference between the two? Really appreciate if some native English speakers could answer these questions! Thanks in advance! Have you checked our dictionary? Because while both are possible (as well as idiomatic and correct), they are not synonyms. Related means "connected or associated" , while relevant means "having direct bearing on the matter in hand; pertinent". If you can tell us what confuses you about these two definitions, we might be able to help. Thank you very much for your explanation! What confuses me is that I don't know the difference between related and relevant even though I have checked their definitions respectively in dictionaries (WordReference and Merriam-Webster). Since "both are possible (as well as idiomatic and correct), they are not synonyms" like you said, I guess both Sentence 1 and 2 are possible, idiomatic and correct expressions in English, but apparently they have different meanings (correct me if my understanding is wrong). Then could you please explain the meaning of Sentence 1 and 2 respectively? What do Sentence 1 and 2 mean to you? As a matter of fact, the sample sentence mentioned above comes from my Resume. And I intend to describe one of my responsibilities for my last job. I expect the people who read my Resume to know that I am responsible for International Trade and related (or relevant?) business. But I'm not sure which word should I use here. Considering Sentence 1 or 2, if you were me, which expression will you use? Sincerely hope that you could answer these questions for me, thanks a million! Welcome to the forum, Athos0.If the definitions don't help, you can look at the discussions below related, in which I can see three headings with "related, relevant". Thank you so much for your suggestions. In fact, I've already read some of the relevant threads before posting mine. It seems that the more I read, the more confused I am, perhaps due to my limited English. Sigh! Anyway, thank you all the same! I think related to (=which involves) sounds better than relevant to (=which is important for).I found the following: to discuss a range of business activities related to international trade and foreign investment. related to international trade"&f=falseYou should note that related to/relevant are somewhat unclear terms and can be understood in different ways. Sometimes they can mean the same. For example, suppose a group of people meet to discuss pollution caused to a beach as a result of an oil spill. One of them says that he has not seen any whales in the area since the spill. The chairman might say: Thank you for pointing that out, but I don't think it is relevant to our discussion (= it is irrelevant or of no importance) or I don't think that is related to what we are discussing (= there is no connection between the absence of whales and the pollution). The meaning is similar in both cases, so I can understand why you are confused. I found the following: to discuss a range of business activities related to international trade and foreign investment. related to international trade"&f=falseYou should note that related to/relevant are somewhat unclear terms and can be understood in different ways. Sometimes they can mean the same. For example, suppose a group of people meet to discuss pollution caused to a beach as a result of an oil spill. One of them says that he has not seen any whales in the area since the spill. 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Hi teachers, If I want to say "don't complain about the old computers in our office in front of the GM; he will get angry to hear it" in another way, should I say,(1) we should not talk about anything related to the old and outdated computers in our office in front of the GM because he may get angry to hear it. or(2) we should not talk about anything relating to the old and outdated computers in our office in front of the GM because he may get angry to hear it" ? I simply don't know the difference. (The manager really hates to hear his staff complaining about the poor facilities of the company.) If you could kindly share your views, I would really appreciate it.Thank you very much in advance. Thank you very much, Andycg. MN,I would say they are not so different. Perhaps you may want to check this; it might be useful to you. Related (adj) things that are related, are connected in some ways "He suffers with memory loss related to his disease." Relating to (preposition) about or concerning "Documents relating to immigration laws" Source: Longman Dictionary of EnglishAs you can see "related" is an adjective and "relating to" is a proposition. When it comes to their meanings; the difference, I would say, is minimal. Yes, they are in most cases. What you choose is your personal preference. "Relating to" is not considered to be a preposition in BE. I note that it is so described by Longman and WordReference Random House Learner's Dictionary of American English. I have not managed to find another dictionary which claims that the present participle of the verb "relate to" is a preposition. (Describing "relate to" as a phrasal verb, as some dictionaries do, is open to question) It may be that many AE speakers agree with the BE position.You will find that existing threads discuss the subtle differences in meaning of these two phrases. There are common contexts where they are certainly not interchangeable, but I doubt we need another thread on the differences which have been discussed previously. Hi, what the correct way to say it:1.- ... related to the present document2.- ... related with the present document thanks --please correct all my mistakes Hi, what the correct way to say it: 1.- ... related to the present document 2- ... related with the present document thanks -- please correct all my mistakes It would be the first one, related to I cannot think of any context in English were related to would work. Hope this helps. Gracias, pero no entiendo el final de tu frase "I cannot think any context in English were related to would work" que quieres decir?? te refieres a related with (y has puesto to por error)?? o a que nunca has oido usar related togracias Quiero decir que no se me ocurre ningn contexto en el idioma ingls en el que la expresin "relate with" se puede usar. Perdona, se me cruzaron los cables y escrib lo que no era. I think it's "related to" and "connected with" related / relative / relevant How could I distinguish? Is there any difference when we use? As far as I know, related to / relative with / relavant to....Arguably I don't know what's the diffence. Thanks for replying, not o mention all the seniors! Have you looked up the definitions? If you are talking about family, relevant isn't a word you would normally use. Here is the definition for related. I will let you look up relative. Thanks a lot, but... look this If two or more things are related, there is a connection between them. You use relative to say that something is true to a certain degree, especially when compared with other things of the same kind. Something that is relevant to a situation or person is important or significant in that situation or to that person, so I was wondering wheather I can use anything among them when I compare things. Yes, you can use them as you described in your examples. Note that when two things are related, they may be closely related (very similar) or distantly related (not similar). You are describing relative in a slightly different sense, to express the idea of proportion. See the definition, and have a look at the second adjective definition (2B), second adjective definitionI don't know what you meant. Is second adjective a some sort of grammar? Fortunately, I'm coming up with the idea of usage. Could any native speakers explain further about the differences among these three words? Seems the differences bug many non-native speakers. And what bothers me is, although I've read all definitions, I still get confused. Looking forward to your help. Thanks. LOZ Hello everybody! I'm writing an email to celebrate our long-term relationship suppliers for their National Day. I intend to start with "Dear xxx, this email is non work related" but I don't know which one is correct. Shall we use the hyphens like "non-work related" or "non-work-related" or still have other ways?This is my first thread in forum and i hope to receive your kindly support on this matter. Thank you so much in advance. Welcome to the English forum, tung.to! There is room for personal preference here. In other words, there is no "correct" answer. Too many hyphens sometimes looks strange.Since non cannot stand on its own, it should be written non-. Work-related should be written with a hyphen, but I would go for non-work related.You can, of course, avoid this problem by writing not work-related. A similar phrase (though different since well does not have to be followed by a hyphen) is well thought-out.When this phrase comes before a noun you can have two hyphens; otherwise there is usually only one. A well-though-out scheme.\*\*This scheme is well thought-out. \*\* Correction: well-thought-outWhether people follow this convention in actual practice is another matter. Since it's not related to work, just say that (because your current choices sounds a bit, well, work-like). On second thought, don't say anything at all -- just let your words speak for themselves; your suppliers will appreciate it. Dear Michael,I'm writing to wish you a happy National Day. I hope you enjoy the day with friends and family. I know that doesn't answer your hyphen question ... sorry. Welcome to the English forum, tung.to! There is room for personal preference here. In other words, there is no "correct" answer. Too many hyphens sometimes looks strange.Since non cannot stand on its own, it should be written non-. Work-related should be written with a hyphen, but I would go for non-work related.You can, of course, avoid this problem by writing not work-related. A similar phrase (though different since well does not have to be followed by a hyphen) is well thought-out.When this phrase comes before a noun you can have two hyphens; otherwise there is usually only one. A well-though-out scheme.This scheme is well thought-out.Whether people follow this convention in actual practice is another matter, wow your explanation is really helpful. I would also go for non-work related. Thank you so much Since it's not related to work, just say that (because your current choices sounds a bit, well, work-like). On second thought, don't say anything at all -- just let your words speak for themselves; your suppliers will appreciate it. Dear Michael,I'm writing to wish you a happy National Day. I hope you enjoy the day with friends and family. I know that doesn't answer your hyphen question ... sorry. Yes this way is very friendly and it's exactly what i often write everyday. I just want to make something new to improve my writing skills day by day. Thank you for your help. I found that th forum is amazing Could anyone explain to me the difference between "related to" and "related with"? Greetings laimita,Would you please give us a sentence or two using these phrases? This will help us to see what your doubts might be, and to give you more helpful answer. I wonder if in this sentence i may use "with" instead of "to". The scientific and technological dimension is related to the territorial capability of generating structural innovation Most likely this should be "related to" and "related with" would not make sense. Got it, and thanks. That works for the moment, but isn't there anything like a general rule to when to use one or another preposition? Each preposition has so many different uses that it would be difficult to state them as rules and memorize them all. For instance, Dictionary.com has 22 uses of to as a preposition. The one that fits this use is #17:(used for expressing reference, reaction, or relation). What will he say to this?Other dictionaries will explain it differently. In my opinion, the best way to learn them is to have a dictionary that gives examples of the prepositions each verb takes, and to learn them as you learn the verbs. After a while you will begin to see a pattern, but I suspect that a dictionary will always be useful. For example, here is the Cambridge Adult Learner's Dictionary's definition of "related" with examples. I'm a native English speaker, translator and former TEFL trainer. I dont think there is any hard and fast rule per se as to whether related with/to, and I tend to use whichever one I feel fits best with the flow of the text and the context.I think the sample sentence could be better drafted as: "The scientific and technological dimension is related with the territorial potential for generating structural innovation. ((Im not keen on the capability construction)) I did some googling, and I see "is related with" being used almost exclusively by non-native writers, so I would try to avoid it. I could easily use it in a completely different sense: "Their story is related with great gusto by an eyewitness to the events." I'm a native English speaker, translator and former TEFL trainer. I dont think there is any hard and fast rule per se as to whether related with/to, and I tend to use whichever one I feel fits best with the flow of the text and the context.I think the sample sentence could be better drafted as: "The scientific and technological dimension is related with the territorial potential for generating structural innovation. ((Im not keen on the capability construction)) They do say that hindsight has 20-20 vision. I've just come across this thread again and now I think "related to" works best in the sample sentence: ""The scientific and technological dimension is related to the territorial potential for generating structural innovation." Don't you think that "to" is the only correct preposition to use with "related" when the meaning is "connected to", acme? After all, it's just a metaphor: I am related to the other members of my family: X is related to Y. In the sample sentence in question, "associated with" might have been a possible alternative.(I admit I'm not sure that I fully understand The scientific and technological dimension is related to the territorial potential for generating structural innovation.) (I admit I'm not sure that I fully understand [I said: The scientific and technological dimension is related to the territorial potential for generating structural innovation.[/I]) Me neither; usually when I see the word "innovation" it sets off alarm bells that it will likely be followed by bombastic business speak. The sentence looks like something prompted by a journal requiring some mention of innovation in the articles it accepts.

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